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Applicants : Satoru Maeda, et al.  
 Serial No. : 09/996,019  
 Filed : November 28, 2001  
 For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS  
 AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR SIMPLIFYING A SIGN-UP  
 OPERATION (AS AMENDED)  
 Examiner : Nguyen, Thanh T.  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	20	Minus	** =20	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	6	Minus	*** =6	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

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\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
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For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND  
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OPERATION OF AN APPARATUS OVER A  
NETWORK (AS AMENDED)

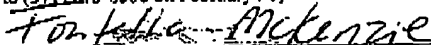
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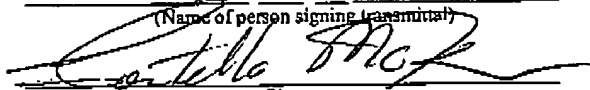
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on November 30, 2005, having  
a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on February 28, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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